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MEMORANDUM

R. Eric Slagle Director of Development Services

TO: Eileen Donoghue, City Manager

Diane Tradd, DPD Director

Steve Nocco

Acting Building Commissioner

FROM: R. Eric Slagle, Director of Development Services

RE: MOTION BY COUNCILOR LEAHY - REQ. CITY MGR. UPDATE COUNCIL REGARDING WHITE BUILDING ON BUTLER SCHOOL GROUNDS.

This memorandum is a follow-up to the request from Councilor Leahy regarding the status of the former Luz Monument building at 1118-1120 Gorham St., adjacent to the Butler School.

As of the last time we reported on this issue to the Council in March of 2017, the building was in significant disrepair, and had been boarded up for public safety concerns. The properties are currently zoned Traditional Two-Family (TTF), which means that, generally speaking, only residential single-family and two-family uses are allowed. No commercial or retail uses would be allowed on the property

The former owners listed on the property were Joannes and Veronica Leatham. In November of 2017, the property was sold MANI Property holdings, LLC. A fine of \$25,000 was paid at to the City at time of closing. The property was subsequently sold to NicPepe, LLC. The new owner is currently working on a plan to rehab/rebuild the structures for residential use, and has been in contact with Development Services staff regarding the project. No applications have been filed at this time.

Development Services will be following up with the property owner to ensure that the property safe.

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